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Helen Louise Birch

Who know now that in the end I must have traffic
Only with the things of my own spirit.

PROPHETS

Prophet of joy!
Before ever the deed lived, you came.

Be the fulfilment what it was,
I do prostrate myself for love and lay here at your feet my
heart of thanks.

Prophet of evil!
It is now your hour!

A VOICE BREAKS IN UPON THE SILENCE

Swiftly,
Secretly,
Silently,
Winding through some unsensed aerial channel;
With subtle solace and challenging, it comes—
Suddenly I know that it is there:
“Alert—Alert—Arise!”

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Whatever the day bring forth, that will I greet—
Having drunk divinely, divinely, of the dawn!

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